

BRIDPORT
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

Senior Public Health Inspector

for the Year

1968

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Health Centre,
North Allington,
Bridport.
Dorset.

July, 1969.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bridport Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1968. I came to Bridport in November, 1968 so this report is concerned mainly with the work done while Dr. Meadows was your Medical Officer of Health. Mr. Newman, your Senior Public Health Inspector has prepared much of the report.

I am, your obedient servant,

E. Jackson
Medical Officer of Health.

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To the Chairman and Councillors
of the Rural District of Bridport.

July, 1969.

Annual Report For 1968

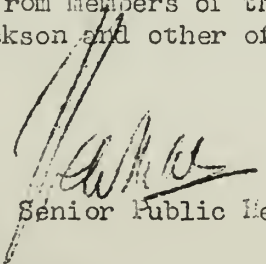
I present for your consideration the following report on our work in 1968.

There was a staff change during the year. Mr. E.E. Roughton continues as the Public Health (Meat) Inspector, and is engaged full time at the Bradpole Slaughterhouse. Mr. K.S. Bolt is the Additional Public Health Inspector, and is employed part time with the Lyme Regis Borough Council and part time with the Bridport Rural District Council. Mr. R. Singleton, who was employed as Pupil Public Health Inspector by the four West Dorset Authorities, was successful in obtaining his Final Examination in July 1968, and then became the Additional Public Health Inspector with Bridport Borough Council. Bridport Borough and Rural District Councils together with Beaminster Rural District Council appointed Mr. D. Hayball to the pupil vacancy created when Mr. Singleton qualified. Mr. Hayball does not possess the necessary educational requirements and he is required to obtain the one "O" level pass within twelve months. For this purpose he is attending evening classes at Yeovil Technical College on one night per week. Mrs. J. Harvey is the shorthand typist/clerk to the department. Mr. K. Griffin has now completed his first year as the Council's Rodent Operator.

During the year all of the detailed final inspections of the Classification IV Dwellings in the district were completed and the necessary action taken by the Council. Inspections of the Classification III Dwellings proceeded and resulted in some being reclassified to Classification IV. The small percentage so regraded are being dealt with by the Council, and it is anticipated that a few more regradings will occur as the Classification III inspections proceed.

Caravanning and camping continues to grow in popularity in this area and there is an obvious need to provide more sites in the district where the touring caravan can be stationed overnight. Tents are still controlled by an Act which came into operation thirty two years ago, and it is now essential that this legislation should be brought up-to-date so that the standards required come into line with those standards introduced for caravans by an Act introduced in 1960.

I am grateful for the support received from members of the Council and for the help and advice of Dr. J. Meadows, Dr. A. Jackson and other officers.


Senior Public Health Inspector.



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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Chairman.	Councillor Lt. Col. H. Woolley, B.A.,
Vice Chairman.	Councillor H. Williams.
Councillor H.J.H. Bartlett.	Councillor Mrs E. Male.
Councillor H.R. Hill.	Councillor Lt. Col. H.J.G. Weld. M.C.,
Councillor R.B. Howarth.	Councillor F.H. White.
Councillor A. Lavor.	

Ex officio Councillor A.A.J. Palmer, J.P..

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health..... John G. Meadows, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..
until 31/8/1968.
E. Jackson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..
appointed 1/11/1968.

Also Medical Officer of Health for Bridport and Lyme Regis Borough
Councils and Beaminster Rural District Council, and Senior Assistant
County Medical Officer. 5/11 of time allocated to Dorset County Council
and 6/11 shared between the four District Councils.

Senior Public Health Inspector.....	J.R. Newman, C.Eng., A.M.I.Mun.E., F.R.S.H..
Additional Public Health Inspector....	K.S. Bolt, M.A.P.H.I., (part-time).
Public Health Inspector for meat inspection.....	E.E. Roughton, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.,
Pupil Public Health Inspector.....	R. Singleton, (joint appointment) until 31/7/68. D. Hayball, (joint appointment) appointed 12/8/68.
Rodent Operator.....	K. Griffin, (part-time).
Clerk to the Medical Officer.....	Miss B.E. Lawrence.
Clerk to the Senior P.H.I.....	Mrs J. Harvey.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Population 8,250

Area Comparability Factor. Births - 1.36 Deaths - 0.75

This is worked out for each district by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the ages and sex constitution of the populations of the various districts and its use allows statistical comparison to be made between different areas.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Registered.....	48	48	96
Legitimate.....	47	46	93
Illegitimate.....	1	2	3

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population :- Crude 11.6 Corrected 15.8
 Live Births Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate - 0.93
 Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births :- 3.1

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Registered.....	1	0	1

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still-births :- 10

Total Live and Still Births.

<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
49	48	97

<u>Deaths (all ages)</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Registered.	69	66	135

Death Rate per 1,000 population :- Crude 16.4 Corrected 12.3
 Deaths Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate 1.03

Deaths of Infants.

	<u>Males.</u>			<u>Females.</u>		
	<u>Legit.</u>	<u>Illogit.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Legit.</u>	<u>Illogit.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Under 1 year of age.	0	0	0	1	0	1
Under 4 weeks of age.	0	0	0	1	0	1
Under 1 week of age.	0	0	0	1	0	1

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births.....10.4
 Legitimate " " " 1,000 " legitimate live births.....10.07
 Illegitimate " " " 1,000 " illegitimate live births..... 0
 Neonatal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)....10.4
 Early neonatal " " (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)....10.4
 Perinatal " " (still-births and deaths under 1 wk. combined
 per 1,000 total live and still-births).....20.06

Maternal Mortality (including abortion).

Number of deaths.....0
 Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births.....0

VITAL STATISTICS. (N.A. = not available)

	1935	1940	1950	1960	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Population.....	6947	7993	7729	7650	7820	7870	8060	8160	8250
Rateable Value.....	£31067	£32027	£34772	£75495	£211204	£221026	£234481	£249858	£258538
Produce of a Penny Rate.....	£120	£136	£143	£293	£837	£870	£890	£990	£1000

BIRTHS.

Live Births.....	57	90	109	107	79	97	89	88	96
Legitimate.....	56	86	105	105	75	90	80	84	93
Illegitimate.....	1	4	4	2	4	7	9	4	3
Live Birth Rate (crude).....	8.3	11.3	14.1	14.0	10.1	12.3	11.0	10.8	11.6
Live Birth Rate (corrected).....	N.A.	N.A.	16.2	16.9	13.7	16.8	15.0	14.6	15.7
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0.85	0.93
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	14.7	14.6	15.8	17.1	18.4	18.1	17.4	17.2	16.9

INFANT MORTALITY.

Still Births.....	0	5	4	2	2	2	0	1	1
Still Birth Rate.....	0	52.6	0.52	18.3	24.7	20.2	0	11.2	10
Still Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	N.A.	37	23	19.7	16.3	15.7	15.4	14.8	14
Deaths under 1 year.....	N.A.	3	1	1	2	1	0	1	1
Infantile Death Rate.....	N.A.	31.6	9.2	9.3	25.3	10.3	0	11.4	10.4
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)...	57	55	29.8	21.7	20.0	19.0	19.0	18.3	18
Neonatal Death Rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9.3	25.3	10.3	0	11.3	10.4
Neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)....	30	30	19	15.6	13.8	13.0	12.9	12.5	12.3
Early neonatal Death Rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0	25.3	10.3	0	11.3	10.4
Early neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & W)...	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	11.1	10.8	10.5
Perinatal Death Rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	18.4	49.4	30.3	0	22.5	20.06
Perinatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)...	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	26.3	25.4	25

MATERNAL MORTALITY. (including abortion)

Maternal Deaths.....	N.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate.....	N.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)...	N.A.	2.7	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2

DEATHS.

Total Deaths.....	75	113	110	99	105	105	114	100	135
Death Rate (crude).....	10.8	11.3	14.2	12.9	13.4	13.3	14.1	12.3	16.4
Death Rate (corrected).....	N.A.	N.A.	10.1	9.6	10.1	9.6	10.6	9.2	12.3
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0.81	1.03
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	11.7	14.3	11.6	11.5	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.9

Registrar General's Official Return.

Causes of Death.

B 6.	Other tuberculosis including late effects.....	
B 18.	Other infective and parasitic diseases.....	
B 19(1)	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	
B 19(2)	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.....	
B 19(3)	Malignant neoplasm, breast.....	
B 19(4)	Malignant neoplasm, uterus.....	
B 19(5)	Leukaemia.....	
B 19(6)	Other malignant neoplasms, etc.....	
B 21	Diabetes mellitus.....	
B 46(1)	Other endocrine etc diseases.....	
B 46(3)	Mental disorders.....	
B 46(4)	Other diseases of nervous system etc.....	
B 26	Chronic Rheumatic heart disease.....	
B 27	Hypertensive disease.....	
B 28	Ischaemic heart disease.....	
B 29	Other forms of heart disease.	
B 30	Cerebrovascular disease.....	
B 46(5)	Other diseases of circulatory system.....	
B 31	Influenza.....	
B 32	Pneumonia.....	
B 33(1)	Bronchitis and emphysema.....	
B 46(6)	Other diseases of respiratory system.....	
B 34	Peptic ulcer.....	
B 46(7)	Other diseases of digestive system.....	
B 37	Cirrhosis of liver.	
B 38	Nephritis and nephrosis.....	
B 39	Hyperplasia of prostate.....	
B 46(8)	Other diseases, genito-urinary system.....	
B 46(9)	Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue.....	
B 46(10)	Diseases of musculo-skeletal system.....	
B 42	Congenital anomalies.....	
B 43	Birth injury, difficult labour etc.....	
B 45	Symptoms and ill defined conditions.....	
BE 47	Motor vehicle accidents.....	
BE 48	All other accidents.....	
BE 49	Suicide and self inflicted injuries.....	

Total.....

Bridport Borough.			Bridport R.D.			Beaminster R.D.			Lyne Regis Borough.			West Dorset.	
M. F. T.			M. F. T.			M. F. T.			M. F. T.			Total 1968	Total 1967.
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	5	9
2	1	3	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	1	3	11	13
0	2	2	0	6	6	0	3	3	0	1	1	12	8
-	2	2	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	2	4
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1
2	11	13	7	5	12	7	6	13	0	4	4	42	34
1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	3	
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	
1	1	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	7	
2	2	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	7	
1	2	3	0	1	1	2	1	3	1	2	3	10	9
16	9	25	25	9	34	15	5	20	4	3	7	86	75
1	3	4	3	1	4	2	5	7	2	2	4	19	47
7	14	21	13	16	29	6	17	23	6	8	14	87	61
0	5	5	0	2	2	4	3	7	1	2	3	17	21
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1
7	12	19	7	4	11	2	10	12	2	1	3	45	19
4	0	4	4	2	6	4	2	6	2	3	5	21	14
1	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	6	3
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
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2	1	3	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	7	
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0	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	5	0
0	8	8	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	2	3	14	34
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	6
1	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	3	9	8
0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	4	6
48	78	126	69	66	135	56	61	117	31	34	65	443	389

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PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Measles vaccine was made available in May and by the end of the year 171 children mostly of the primary school age group has been vaccinated against measles.

Infectious Diseases notified during 1968.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 1 year.	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Measles.....	40	1	0	3	3	6	25	2	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	42	1	0	3	3	6	27	2	0	0	0	0

Quarterly Notifications.

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Qrt.	2nd. Qrt.	3rd. Qrt.	4th. Qrt.
Measles.....	40	25	11	4	0
Scarlet Fever.....	2	0	2	0	0
Total.....	42	25	13	4	0

Infectious Disease Notifications for Comparison.

DISEASES.	1937	1940	1950	1960	1965	1966	1967	1968
Meningococcal infection.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Diphtheria.....	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas.....	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0
Food Poisoning.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Scarlet Fever.....	30	5	11	5	17	4	1	2
Enteric Fever (inc. Typhoid)....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis.....	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dysentery.....	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Pneumonia.....	7	2	3	5	3	6	0	0
Tuberculosis (pulmonary).....	2	5	3	2	0	1	2	0
Tuberculosis (non-pulmonary)....	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Measles.....	0	93	112	24	101	121	7	40
Whooping Cough.....	0	0	37	4	0	2	0	0
Totals.....	44	117	175	42	125	137	11	42

Tuberculosis.

No new cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year.

Vaccination of school children in the 13+ years age group and the control of tuberculosis in cattle have both contributed to the steady decline in the incidence of tuberculosis.

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register				
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total cases on the register at the end of 1967	6	5	4	4
Now cases notified during 1968.	0	0	0	0
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the district.	0	0	0	0
Removals from district into other areas.	2	3	0	1
Removed from register - cured.	0	0	3	3
Deaths during 1968.	1	0	1	0
Total on register at end of 1968.	3	2	0	0

Average yearly incidence.				
	New Cases.		Deaths.	
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>
1940 - 1949.	4.8	2.5	2.1	0.3
1950 - 1959.	3.2	0.8	0.8	0.1
1960 - 1968.	1.4	0.5	1.0	0.1

Average number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary.		
1946 - 1955	25.5	
1956 - 1965	27.4	

Total number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary.		
1966	21.	
1967	19.	
1968	5.	

Immunisation.

The following figures were supplied by the County Medical Officer. As some of the immunisations were carried out at schools the numbers do not strictly refer to the Rural District as some children cross District boundaries to attend schools in the Rural District:

P = Primary dose.

R = Reinforcing dose.

POLIOMYELITIS.		DIPHTHERIA.		TETANUS.		WHOOPING COUGH.		SMALLPOX.		MEASLES.		
Oral.	Salk.											
P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.		
82	84	0	0	87	129	99	141	75	56	73	5	171

B.C.G. Immunisation against Tuberculosis.				
Tested.	Positive.	Negative.	Vaccinated.	Absent.
182	25	157	157	25

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948. Section 47.

This section of the Act provides for removal from their own home of persons who are either ill or incapacitated, are living in insanitary conditions, are not able to care for themselves and are not receiving from others proper care and attention.

Several old persons were referred but statutory action was not found to be necessary.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Re-Grouping of Water Undertakings.

After a further objection and further proceedings before a select Committee of the House of Commons, the Dorset Water Order has now been made and becomes operative on the 1st. April, 1969.

Boaninster Rural District, Bridport Rural District and Bridport Borough Councils each has one representative on the new board.

West Dorset Water Board.

The Water Board has virtually completed the first seven phases of its Regional Scheme. During 1968 the mains from R7 (North Warren Hill reservoir) connecting Melplash to Mangerton and West Milton, were completed and brought into use and the other extension into the Waytown area should be in use by the spring of 1969. Reservoir No. 5 near Marshwood Church is about 60% complete and work is in hand laying the main from here through the Marshwood Vale. The new main from Whitchurch Canonieorum to Wootton Fitzpaine will also be complete and in use by the spring of 1969.

The West Dorset Water Board will cease to exist on March 31st. 1969 following its incorporation in the new Dorset Water Board, and it is not possible to say, therefore, what plans the new board will have for completing the West Board's original schemes. The works involved are those covered by the original phases 8 and 9 in the scheme detailed below.

West Dorset Water Board Phasing of Regional Scheme.

Phase.		Proposed and completed date.
2.	Main from Reservoir No. 16 to Stoke Abbott. Construction of Reservoir No. 12 Bunkers Hill. Main from Reservoir No. 12 to Uploders. Construction of Reservoir No. 19 South Perrott. Main to Reservoir No. 19 and to Chedington, Mosterton and South Perrott. Main from Bradpole to Loders. Main from Reservoir No. 6 to Broadoak. Main from Bridport to Synondbury. Main from Shipton Gorge to Burton Bradstock. Main from Hooke pumping station to Reservoir No. 25 and Hooke village. Construction of Reservoir No. 25. Provision of pumping equipment at Hooke pumping station.	1962 to 1964

West Dorset Water Board Phasing of Regional Scheme continued.

Phase.		Proposed and completed date.
3.	Trunk main from Litton Cheney to R.6 and site works at Litton Cheney.	Dec. 1963 - Dec. 1965
4.	Development of Litton Cheney source with pumps and treatment.	Mar. 1964 - Dec. 1964
5.	Mains from R.16 to R.3 (Hardown Hill) Construction of R.3. Mains from R.3 to Whitchurch Canonieorum. Booster No. 3 at Whitchurch Canonieorum. Construction of R.4 and R.8 (Morcombelake) Mains to Whitchurch Canonieorum, Morcombelake and Ryall. Mains from R.3 to Chideock and Seatown. Mains from Whitchurch Canonieorum to Charmouth and Catherston Loweston. Construction of R.2 (Charmouth).	Mar. 1964 to Mar. 1966
6.	Mains from Broadwindsor to :- Burstock, Scarborough, Drimpton, Birdsmoor Gate, Marshwood, Thorncombe and Holditch. Construction of R.13 (Thorncombe) Construction of R.15 (north of Burstock). Mains to Valditch.	Mar. 1965 to Mar. 1968
7.	Mains from Broadoak to Bettiscombe and Pilsdon. Construction of R.5 Bettiscombe. Mains from R.7 via Molplash to Mangerton and West Milton. (Mains from R.25 to R.26 and Powerstock. Construction of R.26 Powerstock. Temporarily deferred).	Mar. 1967 to Mar. 1969
8.	Mains from R.18 to Cholborough and Evershot. Mains from R.18 to Rampisham and Wraxall. Mains from R.18 to Melbury. Construction of R.22 (Rampisham). Construction of R.23 (Evershot) and R.24 (East Cholborough).	Mar. 1969 to Mar. 1970
9.	Mains from Whitchurch Canonieorum to High Level District of Charmouth. Construction of R.1 (Charmouth). Mains and Boosters for Monkton Wylde and Fishponds. Mains from Broadoak to Moorbath. Mains from Sansons Cross to Whitchurch Canonieorum.	Mar. 1970 to Mar. 1971

The following is a copy report from the Counties Public Health Laboratories, London, of the sources used by the West Dorset Water Board.

Chemical Results in Parts per Million.

	Hooke Waste Weir. 1/12/66.	Beaminster Langdon Supply. 20/6/68.	Corsecombe Source. 19/1/65.	Litton Cheney Heading. 18/5/68.
Appearance.	Bright with a few particles.	Bright with a few particles.	Bright with a few particles.	Bright with a few particles.
Colour.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
pH.	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5
Electric Conductivity.	460	450	440	410
Chlorine present as Chloride.	15	15	13	20
Hardness: total.	260	265	260	210
Carbonate.	240	230	230	185
Non-Carbonate.	20	35	30	25
Nitrate Nitrogen.	3.4	3.4	1.9	2.7
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.00
Albuminoid Nitrogen.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Iron.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Zinc.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Copper.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Lead.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Turbidity.	less than 3.	less than 3.	less than 3.	less than 3.
Odour.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Free Carbon Dioxide.	20	22	20	12
Dissolved Solids Dried at 180 C.	320	330	300	275
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate.	240	230	230	185
Nitrite Nitrogen.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	less than 0.01
Oxygen Absorbed.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Residual Chlorine.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Fluoride.	less than 0.1

From the aspect of the chemical analyses these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

Fluoridation of Water Undertakings.

There has been no change in the County Council's former decision not to support the addition of fluoride to the water supply in this area.

Private Water Supplies

For the second year running no water main extension of any note was carried out in the rural district by the West Dorset Water Board, but during 1968 considerable progress was made in respect of the connection of dwellings to the water mains which had been laid in previous years. 135 dwellings were connected during the year and by the 31st of December 1968 just over 80% of the dwellings in the district were connected to the mains of the West Dorset Water Board, and a further 3% are connected to privately owned public supplies. The remaining 16% draw water from individual wells, springs or boreholes, whilst in a few cases rain water is the only means of supply.

The following table shows the result of bacteriological analyses carried out during the year of the various water supplies:-

Supplies	Satisfactory	Suspicious	Unsatisfactory	Total
West Dorset (Source	51	-	-	51
Water Board (Consumer	278	2	11	291
Private (Source	8	3	14	25
Supplies (Consumer	29	4	12	45
Public (Source	-	1	-	1
Supplies (Consumer	4	-	-	4
TOTALS	370	10	37	417

The 37 unsatisfactory samples were from the following locations:-

New main extensions prior to cleansing.	11
Consumer points where water now chlorinated or dwellings now connected to mains	12
Sources or consumer points subsequently yielding satisfactory samples after cleaning of sources	4
Sources still unsatisfactory at end of year	10

In connection with water supplies 148 visits were made by the Public Health Department staff during the year.

The tables on pages ~~13-14~~ show the number of dwellings and the populations of each parish supplied with piped water by the West Dorset Water Board, or private companies.

It is only in Stanton St. Gabriel and Wootton Fitzpaine where less than half of the parochial populations are supplied with piped water from Water Board or private company mains.

PIPED WATER SUPPLY.

	Actual Dwellings	DWELLINGS SUPPLIED BY				
		Water Board	Local Authy.	Others	Total	Percentage Supplied
ALLINGTON	79	41	-	-	41	52%
ASKERSWELL	55	34	-	-	34	62%
BOTHENHAMPTON	473	470	-	-	470	99%
BRADPOLE	492	481	-	-	481	97%
BURTON BRADSTOCK	373	314	-	-	314	84%
CAMMERSTON LESTON	33	25	-	-	25	76%
CILFORTH	408	404	-	-	404	99%
CHIDECK	262	247	-	-	247	94%
CHILCOMBE	6	5	-	-	5	83%
LITTON GENEY	93	69	-	-	69	74%
LODERS	188	106	-	-	106	56%
PUNCHOWLE	168	144	-	22	166	99%
SHIPTON CORGE	116	103	-	-	103	89%
STANTON ST. GABRIEL	42	19	-	-	19	45%
SYRE	40	32	-	-	32	80%
SYMONDSBURY	372	185	-	44	229	62%
WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM	287	213	-	-	213	74%
WOOTTON FITZPLINE	110	4	-	40	44	40%
TOTALS	3,597	2,896	-	106	3,002	84%

PIPED WATER SUPPLY

	Est. Popn.	ESTIMATED			POPULATION			Est. Popn Supp- lied	% Supplied
		Supplied direct to dwellings			Supplied by means of standpipes				
		Water Board	Others	Total	Water Board	Others	Total		
ALLINGTON	247	128	-	128	-	-	-	128	52%
ASKERSWELL	150	91	-	91	-	-	-	91	60%
BOTHENHAMPTON	1,060	1,051	-	1,051	-	-	-	1,051	99%
BRADPOLE	1,580	1,482	-	1,482	-	-	-	1,482	94%
BURTON BRADSTOCK	710	553	-	553	-	-	-	553	78%
CATHERSTON LEWESTON	58	45	-	45	-	-	-	45	77%
CHARMOUTH	917	905	-	905	-	-	-	905	99%
CHIDEOCK	595	576	-	576	-	-	-	576	96%
CHILCOMBE	14	11	-	11	-	-	-	11	79%
LITTON CHENEY	225	162	-	162	-	-	-	162	72%
LODERS	449	253	-	253	-	-	-	253	56%
PUNCKNOBLE	305	260	42	302	-	-	-	302	99%
SHIPTON GORGE	224	217	-	217	-	-	-	217	97%
STANTON ST. GABRIEL	98	45	-	45	-	-	-	45	46%
SWYRE	95	71	-	71	-	-	-	71	75%
SYMONDSBURY	941	424	112	536	-	-	-	536	57%
WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM	670	513	-	513	-	-	-	513	77%
WOOTTON FITZPAINE	364	13	132	145	-	-	-	145	40%
TOTALS	8,702	6,800	289	7,086	-	-	-	7,086	82%

HOUSING

Improvement of Houses

Standard Grants.

In 1968 nineteen dwellings in the district were improved with the aid of a standard grant. The total amount paid in grants during the year was £4,617, an average of £243 per house. The average grant in 1967, when nineteen dwellings were also improved, was £206. In 1968 fifteen of the grants were paid to owner-occupiers, that is 78% as compared with 47% in 1967.

Discretionary Grants.

In the rural district grants totalling £3,188 were paid. The average grant per house was £399 compared with £395 in 1967. 24% of the discretionary grants were paid to owner-occupiers, compared with 55% in 1967.

249 visits in connection with improvement grants were made during the year. Detailed figures in respect of both types of grant are given in the table below. The 432 dwellings so far improved represent 33% of the number of dwellings in the district which are suitable for improvement with the help of standard or discretionary grants.

		Discretionary Grants			Standard Grants		
		Commenced June 1951			Commenced July 1959		
		Up to 31.12.67	During 1968	Total	Up to 31.12.67	During 1968	Total
Number of Applications	Received	233	12	245	275	22	297
	Approved	196	11	207	254	20(i)	274
	Refused	12	1	13	5	-	5
	Withdrawn	25	-	25	14	3	17
	Under consideration	-	-	-	2	1	1
No. of Separate Dwellings in approved applications		239	16	255	254	20	274
Value of grants approved		£79,064	£5,490	£84,554	£41,761	£4,307	£46,068
No of separate dwellings improved to							
(a) full standard (Normal limit).		215	8	223	166	8	174
(b) full standard (higher limit) (Instituted September 1964)		-	-	-	21	11	35
(c) reduced standard		-	-	-	-	-	-
Value of grants paid on completed schemes		£69,672	£3,188	£72,860	£26,378	£4,617	£30,995

(i) Includes 2 applications under consideration at 31.12.67.

Exhibition.

A successful Improvement Grant Exhibition was staged from the 7th to the 12th of October 1968, in co-operation with the Bridport Borough Council.

Stands were supplied and manned by local and national firms and illustrated the methods whereby improvements could be carried out to dwellings. The attendance at the Exhibition was perhaps disappointing in view of the effort made by the exhibitors in connection with the preparation and manning of their stands.

The Exhibition was held in the Congregational Church Hall and in addition the Ministry of Housing and Local Government's mobile exhibition and cinema van was sited on the road adjacent to the Hall. This mobile exhibition also toured the villages in the rural district during the first three days of the following week, but again the attendance in the villages was poor.

It would appear that an Exhibition of this nature is only going to attract the attendance of the public if it is staged in conjunction with the local agricultural show or some similar event.

Rural Housing Survey.

The state at the 31st of December 1968 is shown in Appendices I and II.

Appendix I shows the classification of all of the 3,597 separate dwellings within this district.

Appendix II is in respect of all Classification IV dwellings only and this Appendix records all dwellings placed in this Classification since the preliminary survey was carried out in July 1956 and shows the results of any action taken since this time.

Housing for the Elderly

The Council have built a total of 89 flats and bungalows for the elderly in various villages as shown in the following table:-

Bradpole	22
Burton Bradstock	13
Charmouth	28
Chideock	4
Loders	6
Morcombelake	5
Suncknowle	6
Symondsbury	2
Walditch	3

APPENDIX I HOUSING CLASSIFICATION - STATE AT 31st DECEMBER, 1968.

PARISH	CLASSIFICATION								TOTAL NO. OF HOUSES	
	I		II		III		IV		1967	1968
	Pre.	Fin.	Pre.	Fin.	Pre.	Fin.	Pre.	Fin.		
1. Allington	17	16	21	1	15	3	-	6	79	79
2. Askerswell	17	18	8	-	9	-	-	3	54	55
3. Bothenhampton	260	174	11	1	19	4	-	4	472	473
4. Bradpole	164	257	45	1	21	-	-	4	491	492
5. Burton Bradstock	116	189	31	4	29	3	1	-	363	373
6. Catherston										
Leweston	3	22	5	-	2	-	1	-	32	33
7. Charmouth	242	100	40	4	18	2	-	2	407	408
8. Chideock	131	86	19	3	19	1	-	3	262	262
9. Chilcombe	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	6	6
10. Litton Cheney	21	27	21	1	19	2	-	2	94	93
11. Loders	38	64	36	-	37	6	-	7	188	188
12. Puncknowle	40	100	14	1	5	2	-	6	167	168
13. Shipton Gorge	17	73	18	1	4	-	-	3	111	116
14. Stanton St.										
Gabriel	18	18	4	-	2	-	-	-	42	42
15. Swyre.	6	20	3	-	11	-	-	-	41	40
16. Symondsburry	147	72	66	5	37	11	1	33	375	372
17. Whitchurch										
Canonicorum	104	63	55	1	37	5	1	15	283	287
18. Wootton										
Fitzpaine.	28	46	11	-	20	2	-	3	112	110
TOTALS	1,372	1,346	408	23	306	41	4	91	3,579	3,597
TOTALS	2,718		431		347		95		3,579	3,597
PERCENTAGES	75.2%		12.5%		9.7%		2.6%			100%
Figures at year ending 31.12.67										
TOTALS	1,373	1,310	412	21	314	39	2	98	3,579	
Totals	2,692		433		353		101		3,579	
Figures on report of July 1956 (Preliminary inspections completed).	1,459		590		475		191		2,715	

CLASSIFICATION IV DWELLINGS

APPENDIX II

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Prelim. Inspections only made	Final Inspections made	Total Class IV Dwellings.	Inspection by Committee	Proposals Invited	Proposals Accepted.	Proposals Carried out.	Undertakings made	Undertakings Accepted
ALINGTON	-	8	8	6	1	1	-	1	1
ASKERSWELL	-	8	8	6	1	1	2	1	1
BOTHENHAMPTON	-	14	14	9	9	11	9	-	-
BRADPOLE	-	16	16	16	10	8	8	-	-
BURTON BRADSTOCK	-	9	9	9	4	4	4	-	-
CATHERSTON LEVESTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHARMOUTH	-	6	6	5	4	5	4	-	-
CHIDECK	-	7	7	6	1	2	2	3	3
CHILCOMBE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LITTON CHENEY	-	10	10	8	7	3	-	1	1
LODERS	-	16	16	13	6	6	4	3	3
PUNKINOWLE	-	26	26	23	16	16	15	3	3
SHIPTON GORGE	-	10	10	10	4	4	4	2	2
STANTON ST. GABRIEL	-	3	3	3	-	2	2	-	-
SWYRE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SYMONDSBURY	-	63	63	59	25	23	10	16	16
WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM	-	30	30	15	15	12	8	6	6
WOOTTON FITZPAINE	-	9	9	5	-	-	-	6	6
TOTALS	-	235	235	193	103	98	72	42	42

CLASSIFICATION IV DWELLINGS (Cont.)

APPENDIX II

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Demolition order made	Demolition carried out	Clearance orders made	Demolition in C.O. carried out	Closing Orders made	Action deferred during lifetime of present tenant.	Purchased by L.R.	
-	-	-	-	6	-	-	ALLINGTON
1	4	-	-	-	1	-	ASKERSWELL
1	2	-	-	-	1	-	BOTHENHAMPTON
2	-	4	2	-	-	-	BRIDPOLE
-	5	-	-	-	-	-	BURTON BRIDSTOCK
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CATHERSTON LEVESTON
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	CHARMOUTH
1	2	-	-	-	-	-	CHIDBOCK
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CHILCOMBE
-	2	-	-	-	-	-	LITTON CHENEY
-	4(a)	2	2	-	-	-	LODERS
-	7	-	-	-	-	-	PUNCKNOWLE
-	1	2	2	1	-	-	SHIPTON GORGE
-	-	1	1	-	-	-	STANTON ST. GABRIEL
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	SWYRE
13	12/6	-	-	1	-	3	SYMONDSBURY
6	3	-	-	1	-	-	WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM
2	1	-	-	-	-	-	WOOTTON FITZMAINE
26	43	9	7	9	3	3	TOTALS

During 1968 warden service accommodation for the elderly has been provided at the following locations

Green Cross Way, Bradpole	8 one-bedroomed flats
Star Lane, Morcombelake	5 one-bedroomed bungalows

So long as these dwellings are occupied by approved tenants so will the Council benefit from the County Council grant for providing the full-time warden service.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses

No. of houses inspected for defects.....	110
No. of inspections made for this purpose.....	308
No. of dwellings found to be in such a state as to be prejudicial to health and dangerous and unfit for human habitation.....	9
No. of applications for certificates of disrepair received.....	-
No. of certificates of disrepair granted.....	-
No. of informal notices under the Housing Act served.....	7
No. of informal notices under the Housing Act complied with.....	7
No. of statutory notices under the Housing Act served.....	2
No. of statutory notices under the Housing Act complied with.....	2

Re-Housing

No. of new dwellings completed by the Local Authority during 1968	22
No. of new dwellings completed by private enterprise during 1968	81
No. of new dwellings in course of construction by Local Authority at 31.12.68	14
No. of new dwellings in course of construction by private enterprise at 31.12.68	126
No. of new dwellings completed by Local Authority since 1944	391
No. of new dwellings completed by private enterprise since 1944	862

At 31.12.68 there were 158 applications on the waiting list for housing accommodation. An increase of 16 on the number of applications pending at the 31st December 1967.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses within the Bridport rural area.

Overcrowding

No case of overcrowding was reported during the year.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

Joint Sewerage Scheme.

During the year work continued on the various parts of this scheme. The pressure pipeline from Beaminster To West Bay Road, Bridport was completed and satisfactorily tested.

In the early Summer of 1968 the submarine outfall pipe was pulled into its sea bed position but unfortunately the shoreward end of the pipe did not become placed in the sea bed with sufficient coverage. The Joint Sewerage Committee, acting on the advice of their Consulting Engineers, called for the Contractors' proposals to lower the pipe into its agreed position, or otherwise to protect it in the surf zone. At the end of the year the Contractors were engaged in a variety of investigations to establish what proposals they might wish to submit to overcome the problem.

The headworks pumping station at West Bay was completed during 1968 and is ready, subject to some final testing when the outfall pipe is completed.

Drainage & Sewerage.

Main drainage is now available in Bothenhampton (village and Waditch), Bradpole (Beaminster Road, East Road and Coneygar Road), Shipton Gorge and Symondsbury (West Bay), Burton Bradstock, Catherston Leweston, Charmouth, Chideock (village and Seatown) and Punccknowle (village). Unsatisfactory main drainage or unsewered areas exist at Allington, Askerswell, Bradpole (village and Pymore), Chideock (North Chideock), Chilcombe, Litton Cheney, Loders, (village, Uploders, Yondover and Matravers), Punccknowle (West Bexington), Symondsbury (village, Broadonk, Rype and Watton), Swyre, Whitchurch Canonycorum (village, Morcombelake, Ryall and Fishponds Bottom) and Wootton Fitzpaine (village and Monkton Wyld).

Dwellings in these latter areas are normally drained to private septic tanks and in some of the more outlying areas chemical and bucket closets are still in use in some dwellings.

In connection with drainage and sewerage 24 visits were made during the year, but this figure does not include visits where overflowing septic tanks or other drainage nuisances existed. During the year 4 samples in the form of swabs were taken from sewers and proved to be acceptable.

Conveniences

The Council own and operate two permanent public conveniences, one being situated at Seatown and one at Charmouth. Both of these are adjacent to the beaches and are in great demand during the summer months.

In addition two public conveniences are provided by other organisations one being on Charmouth beach and one on the Hive beach at Burton Bradstock.

The Council are investigating the desirability of providing additional conveniences at West Bexington beach, Burton Bradstock, Charmouth and Chideock villages and Lypes Mouth beach, and the provision of these would go a long way to alleviate nuisances now occurring by reason of the lack of public conveniences.

The Council also operate a mobile convenience on the layby of the trunk road, A.35, near Travellers Rest, Loders. The provision of this convenience at a reasonable cost, has been a great benefit to motorists and has helped in alleviating the nuisances which had occurred on roadside verges, laybys, etc. A further mobile convenience on the south side of the trunk road would be an advantage.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Premises by Type

The 188 Food Premises in the district are as follows:-

Biscuits and Confectionery...1	Bread & Confectionery.....2
Butchers.....5	Cafes and Ice Cream.....6
Canteens.....6	Cheese Factory.....1
Clubs, Licensed Premises....3	Confectionery & Ice Cream....2
Fruit & Vegetable.....3	General Food.....14
Fishmonger.....2	Guest Houses.....19
General Food & Ice Cream....32	Hotels.....15
General.....13	Hostels.....1
Hamburgers.....1	Hospital kitchen.....1
Restaurants.....8	Ice Cream.....3
Money.....1	Inns and Ice Cream.....4
Inns.....28	Milk.....14
Market Gardening.....1	Slaughterhouse.....1
School and Ice Cream.....1	

Food Premises.

Number of inspections of Food Premises carried out during 1968	268
Number of inspections of vehicles under the Food Hygiene Regulations	23
Number of informal notices under Food and Drugs Act (Served	25
(Complied with	19
Number of statutory notices under the Food & Drugs Act (Served	-
(Complied with	-

Food Premises Registered Under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

	<u>At 31.12.67</u>	<u>At 31.12.68</u>
No. of premises registered for storage and sale of ice cream	61	63
No. of ice cream premises inspected	61	63
No. of inspections made	63	68
No. of premises registered for preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale.	6	6
No. of such premises inspected	5 (a)	5
No. of inspections made	11	10
No. of premises registered for cooking fish	1	1
No. of such premises inspected	1	1
No. of inspections made	4	3

(a) one premise not in use during 1964 - 1967.

10 ice cream samples were taken during 1968 and 8 of these were recorded as being Provisional Grade I and 2 were Provisional Grade II.

Condemnation of Food

Food found to be unsound is surrendered for proper disposal or is formally condemned. The figures for 1968 were as follows:-

<u>Food</u>	<u>Weight (lbs)</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Turkey	28	Decomposition
Fore End Bacon	50	"
Fish	14	"
TOTAL	92 lbs	

Sampling of Food

During the year the sampling of various foodstuffs or the utensils used in preparing or serving food continued, and the department co-operated with the Public Health Laboratory Service in obtaining pet food samples. The following samples were analysed:-

<u>Type</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Result</u>
Cornish pasty	2	Satisfactory
Meat pies	2	Satisfactory
Milk	1	Satisfied Methylene Blue Test
Clotted Cream	1	Satisfied Methylene Blue Test
Plate swabs of various utensils, surfaces etc.	65	Less than 100 colonies 39
		100 - 1,000 colonies 7
		1,000 - 10,000 colonies 9
		10,000 - 20,000 colonies 2
		30,000 - 100,000 colonies 1
		100,000+ colonies 7

Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls & Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

These Regulations, which first came into force in 1967, lay down new standards of hygiene for food stalls and delivery vehicles, and are now generally well complied with.

Health Education

Whilst a high standard has been obtained in the structure and equipment of food premises, and although improvements in these directions are continually being made with Council's encouragement, the hygienic handling of food can only be ensured in the final analysis by the people who work there. For this purpose it is necessary to change some of the habits and attitudes of food handlers, a process which necessarily takes longer, and must be continuous. Every opportunity is therefore taken to talk to employers, staff and members of the public, both collectively and individually to this end.

It is also important that young persons should be made aware of the work of the Department and the career opportunities which exist in Public Health. We were therefore glad to co-operate in a "Careers Look-In" which was held in the Colfox School in the earlier part of the year. A stand covering all aspects of the Health Department was provided at the exhibition, which was attended by senior pupils from the Beaminster, Bridport and Lyme Regis Comprehensive Schools, and their parents. The stand attracted many visitors and was a worthwhile venture.

Milk Supply

Since 1961 the responsibility for the issue of licences for the use of special designation in connection with milk was transferred from the Council to the Dorset County Council under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960. The County Council, however, have continued to keep this Council informed regarding the number of samples taken and the analyses of these. During the year 126 samples were taken and 120 passed the prescribed test. 21 Dealers' Licences to sell pre-packed milk and 2 Dealers' Licences to sell untreated milk were issued.

Brucellosis

13 milk supplies were tested for brucellosis and as a result no herds in the district were found to be infected.

No cases of human infection were brought to my notice.

Slaughterhouse

There is one licensed privately owned slaughterhouse at Bradpole and meat is transported from there to wholesalers and retailers in and outside the district.

The following condemnations were made at Bradpole Slaughterhouse during 1968.

	Cattle ex Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number Killed	986	633	2,636	22,833	9,379	3
Number Inspected	986	633	2,636	22,833	9,379	3
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	4	30	41	30	60	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	373	494	69	1,784	6,116	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	38.2	83	4.2	7.9	65.7	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	4	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	12	14	-	-	20	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	1.62	2.36	-	-	0.21	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

	CONDEMNATIONS			
	CARCASSES		OFFAL	
	Total 1	Partial 2	Total 3	Partial 4
<u>ADULT CATTLE</u>				
Tuberculosis	4	7	4	5
John's Disease	-	-	-	7
Actinobacillosis (-mycosis)	-	12	-	6
Septicaemic Conditions	14	-	14	-
Pneumonia and/or Pleurisy	-	1	-	32
Peritonitis	1	1	2	30
Mastitis	-	-	-	14
Hepatic Abscess	-	-	-	291
Fascioliasis	-	-	73	338
Parasitic Pneumonia	-	-	2	1
Echinococcosis	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis (C. Bovis)				
(a) Rejected	-	-	-	-
(b) Refrigerated	-	-	-	-
Tumours	1	1	1	-
Bruising	5	25	6	2
Emaciation	7	-	6	-
Other Conditions	7	16	2	59
<u>CALVES</u>				
Congenital Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-
Septicaemic Conditions	7	-	7	-
Joint-ill or Navel-ill	5	-	5	-
Bruising	-	4	-	-
Emaciation	6	-	6	-
Immaturity	14	-	14	-
Other Conditions	9	7	26	41

	CONDEMNATIONS			
	CARCASSES		OFFAL	
	Total 1	Partial 2	Total 3	Partial 4
<u>PIGS</u>				
Swine Fever	-	-	-	-
Swine Erysipelas	-	-	2	-
Tuberculosis	-	20	-	-
Septicaemic Conditions	16	-	16	-
Pneumonia and/or Pleurisy	1	18	494	4,434
Pyæmia	-	-	-	-
Arthritis	3	106	3	1
Abscess	40	140	32	-
Echinococcosis	-	-	-	3
Ascariasis	-	9	-	717
Bruising	-	27	-	-
Other Conditions	14	65	16	17
<u>GOATS</u>				
All Conditions	-	-	-	-
<u>SHEEP</u>				
Septicaemic Conditions	3	-	3	-
Pyæmia	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia and/or Pleurisy	-	21	100	89
Arthritis	1	53	12	-
Parasitic Pneumonia	-	-	-	-
Fascioliasis	-	-	1	1,435
Cysticercus ovis	-	-	-	-
Echinococcosis	-	-	15	-
Bruising	1	8	1	-
Emaciation	19	-	29	-
Other Conditions	6	11	23	13

Five employees at this slaughterhouse hold full licences and one employee holds a trainee licence, issued under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

Within the district but not employed at the Slaughterhouse there are two other persons holding full licences.

Meat inspection is carried out by the Council's own staff and a one hundred per cent meat inspection service is maintained.

During 1968 200 visits were paid to the slaughterhouse but this figure does not of course include the daily visits by the Meat Inspector.

36,470 animals were killed and inspected during 1968 and 31.8 tons or 1.8 per cent of meat and offal were condemned.

Poultry Processing Premises

No poultry processing premises are situated within the district.

SCHOOLS

These are regularly inspected. All have water closets, piped water and washing facilities. All primary schools are supplied daily with pasteurised milk.

18 samples of water were taken from the swimming pools in two schools in the area by the County Council staff, 15 were satisfactory and 3 were unsatisfactory.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The premises registered by class, with an analysis of persons employed, are as follows:-

	No. of Premises Registered	No. of Persons Employed
Offices	6	25
Retail Shops	22	40
Catering Premises	20	87
Fuel Storage Depots	1	2
TOTAL	49	154

Thirty six general inspections were carried out and a total of sixty five visits were made to registered premises for the purpose of enforcing the Act.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	22	29	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	12	15	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority - (excluding outworkers' premises).	1	1	-	-
TOTALS	35	45	-	-

Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Acts (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	-	-	-

Twenty contraventions were found and were dealt with by informal notices to the persons responsible. These contraventions were in respect of registration, first aid facilities, Information for employees Regulations, sanitary accommodation, washing facilities, guarding of machinery, ventilation, temperature of workplaces, and supply of drinking water.

No accidents were reported during the year, and no prosecutions were instituted.

FACTORIES ACT 1961.

OUTWORK		SECTION 133			SECTION 134	
Nature of work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 133 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises	Notices served.	Prosecutions
Nets						
Other						
Than	73	-	-	-	-	-
Wire						
Nets						
TOTAL	73	-	-	-	-	-

AIR POLLUTION

The air pollution measuring station at Eggardon Hill continued in operation during 1968. In conjunction with this station we also carry out weather observations and I would like to record my thanks to Mr. McDowall, of Loders who kindly maintains and reads the rain gauge on my behalf.

The figures recorded at Eggardon, together with those ascertained at The Grove and West Street, both within the Borough of Bridport are shown in the following table.

The station at West Street, Bridport came into operation on the 18th September 1967 and is mainly to ascertain air pollution arising from road vehicles. It will produce figures which can be compared with those obtained from a similar station at the Town Hall which operated during 1966 and part of 1967.

Month	Average per day in microgrammes per cubic meter						Monthly			
	Smoke			Sulphur Dioxide			Temperature °C			Rain Fall
	Eggardon	Grove	West St.	Eggardon	Grove	West St.	Max	Min	Av	Ins
January 1968	5.35	15.71	27.68	16.64	33.75	50.42	12	-3	6.1	3.17
February	7.85	24.53	59.66	21.52	30.00	44.00	10	-3	4.5	2.06
March	6.14	15.68	48.70	15.40	33.89	55.82	14	-2	6.2	1.05
April	4.88	10.39	27.51	39.64	37.09	56.07	19	-1	9.4	2.96
May	2.67	6.07	18.81	15.03	39.42	72.51	19	4	8.4	2.86
June	11.80	4.71	29.26	40.85	63.00	112.29	26	8	15.7	5.21
July	4.33	4.46	30.21	30.95	56.06	45.6	29	10	16.3	2.77
August	4.82	5.5	77.1	30.38	51.16	160.68	23	9	18.3	2.30
September	3.02	5.70	33.84	31.89	57.68	155.20	24	8	15	6.13
October	0.821	9.85	42.57	20.85	46.81	90.29	19	10	13.2	3.05
November	9.04	15.23	62.04	32.89	37.23	74.39	17	-1	8.7	2.19
December	14.60	20.7	63.26	27.43	47.83	64.69	14	-2	7.3	4.33
Year of 1968	6.28	11.54	29.22	26.95	53.75	90.16	29	-3	10.8	38.10

During the year 65 visits were made, during which no nuisances from smoke emission were reported or noted.

NOISE ABATEMENT

Six visits were made in connection with barking dogs at Shipton George.

ERADICATION OF VERMIN

47 pest or vermin infestations were dealt with during the year by the Rodent Operator as follows:-

Hornets.....1	Beetles.....4
Bees.....1	Wasps.....4
Moles.....28	Cockroaches.....3
Flies.....3	Ants.....3
Total.....47	

In this connection the department made 35 visits during 1968

RODENT CONTROL

Details of infestations dealt with, together with the comparative figures for the previous three years are as follows:-

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
No. of complaints received	205	148	129	165
No. of disinfestations carried out	228	155	129	206
No. of disinfestations in private dwellings	145	134	104	136
No. of disinfestations in L.A. Premises	10	12	8	13
No. of disinfestations in business premises	73	69	66	57
No. of annual rodent control contracts held	15	15	15	11
Value of annual rodent control contracts held	£119	£119	£104	£65
No. of dead rats recovered	1,634	1,086	1,421	907
No. of informal notices served under Prevention of Damage by Pests Act.	-	2	1	-
No. of informal notices complied with	-	2	1	-
No. of statutory notices served	-	-	-	-

CARAVAN & CAMPING SITES

In 1968 there was operative in the district licences issued under the Public Health Act, 1936, authorising the stationing of 749 tents on 7 sites (varying from 20 to 350 tents per site) and in addition the Camping Club of Great Britain & Ireland issued a certificate for a further 100 tents for a site in the district. The total number of licensed tenting camps is therefore 8, containing 849 tents.

Caravan sites within the Rural District are licensed under the Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act, 1960 and at the end of the seasonal period the position was as follows:-

25 sites in the district authorised to contain 12 residential, 1,008 seasonal and 153 touring caravans, a total of 1,173.

In addition 9 sites in the rural district hold certificates issued by various exempted organisations authorising a further 100 caravan standings for their touring members.

Within the district there are therefore 34 sites, containing 1,273 caravan standings of which 253 are specifically for touring caravans.

Four informal notices under the Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act were served during the year, and were complied with or had been made the subject of a site licence application by the 31st of December 1968.

During the year three caravan censuses were carried out, the first during the Spring Bank Holiday weekend, and the second during August and the Autumn Bank Holiday weekend, for the purpose of ascertaining the number of tents and caravans stationed in the rural district at that time. The third census was carried out to ascertain the average occupancy of caravans.

The result of this third census indicated that the average occupancy of each caravan is 3.25 persons and of each tent 3.20 persons.

The highest number of units, being caravans and tents, recorded was on Sunday the 4th of August 1968 when 1,699 caravans and 1,450 tents were in use, a total of 3,149 units.

Applying the figures obtained from the occupancy census it would appear that some 10,000 persons were occupying tents and caravans in the district on that day - the population of the whole rural district being only 8,702.

The number of tents and caravans counted during the census indicate that a further site or sites are required and that the authorised number on some of the existing sites in the district should be increased to accommodate between 150 and 225 caravans and between 250 and 300 tents.

In connection with caravan and camping sites 271 visits were made during 1968.

AGRICULTURE

No inspections under the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956 were carried out during 1968 and only 40 of the estimated 253 agricultural units within the district (in other words, 16%) have been inspected since this Act became operative.

No. of Agricultural Units Inspected to 31.12.68	40
No. of Horticultural Premises Inspected to 31.12.68	1
No. of Forestry Premises Inspected to 31.12.68	2

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS

Three premises within the district are registered under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963, and can accommodate 30 dogs and 12 cats at any one time. They comply with the hygiene and construction standards. 5 visits were made to these establishments during the year.

HAIRDRESSERS & BARBERS

Three premises were visited and no formal action has been necessary.

LITTER

There is a general improvement in the condition of the laybys and stopping places along the main road and of the beaches due to the provision of paper sack stands. Unfortunately not all of the general public will use these waste sacks and a certain amount of litter is discarded indiscriminately.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Number of visits made under the Public Health Act (Nuisances) 161.

NOTICES UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, 1936 AND 1961 ETC.

	<u>Served</u>	<u>Complied With</u>
Informal notices under the Public Health Acts.	16	16
Statutory notices under the Public Health Acts	4	4
Abatement orders under the Public Health Acts.	-	-
Informal notices under the Water Acts.	-	-
Statutory notices under the Water Acts.	-	-

FLOODING

Flooding occurred at Durton Bradstock and Chideock in June. In connection with flooding 95 visits were made during the year.

SWIMMING BATHS

There is one open air swimming pool in the district open to club members, and two schools have open air pools for their pupils.

SUMMARY OF VISITS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS.

Food Premises.....	282
Air Pollution.....	65
Agricultural Premises.....	-
Factories.....	45
Nuisances.....	161
Water Supply.....	148
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act.....	66
Caravan & Camping Sites.....	271
Meat Inspection.....	200+
Rodent & Pest Control.....	35
Flood Relief.....	95
Inspections Under The Housing Act.....	310
Inspections Under the Public Health Act.....	103
Improvement Grants.....	249
Infectious Diseases.....	13

2,040

+ These visits do not include those made by the full time Public Health (Meat) Inspector who is present at the Slaughterhouse whenever slaughtering is taking place.

CLINICS HELD AT THE HEALTH CENTRE, BRIDPORT.

* = seen only by appointment.

MONDAYS.

Moral Welfare Worker.....	Monday morning.	
Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons).....	Monday morning.	*
Relaxation Classes.....	Monday afternoon.	*
Speech Therapy.....	Monday afternoon.	*

TUESDAYS.

Speech Therapy.....	Tuesday morning.	*
Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons).....	Tuesday all day.	*

WEDNESDAYS.

Youth Employment.....	Wednesday afternoon 2 - 5 p.m.	
Hearing Assessment.....	every 3rd. Wednesday morning in the month.	*
Child Guidance.....	Alternate Wednesdays.	*

THURSDAYS.

Family Planning.....	1st. 2nd. and 3rd. Thursday in the month 2 - 4-30 p.m.	*
Cervical Cytology clinic.....	2nd. Thursday in the month 10 - 11 a.m.	*
	4th. Thursday in the month 10 - 11 a.m. (open session).	

FRIDAYS.

Child Welfare Clinic.....	2nd. Friday in the month - H.V. session.	
	4th. Friday in the month - Dr. in attendance.	

Other clinics are held at :-

<u>BEAMINSTER.</u>	<u>Child Welfare.</u>	40 Hogshill St.,	2nd. and 4th. Thursday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance 2nd. Thurs.
	<u>Speech Therapy.</u>	"	Wednesday afternoon *
	<u>Foot Clinic.</u> (Elderly persons)	"	1st. 2nd. and 3rd. Friday in the month
<u>CHARMOUTH.</u>	<u>Child Welfare.</u>	Mobile Clinic Lower Sea Lane.	4th. Monday in the month 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance.
	<u>Foot Clinic.</u> (Elderly persons)	W.I. Hall, Wesley Close.	* Alternate Wednesdays 2-5 p.m.
<u>THORNCOMBE.</u>	<u>Child Welfare.</u>	Mobile Clinic, Village Hall Car Park.	4th. Tuesday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance.





